

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:151

ANSWERED ON:03.08.2005

COMPLAINTS AGAINST FUNCTIONING OF TRAI

Gaikwad Shri Eknath Mahadeo;Yadav Shri Anirudh Prasad (Sadhu)

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any representations from the public and their representatives against the functioning of the TRAI, in connection with giving benefit of ADC collected from Mobile operators to BSNL;

(b) if so, the details thereof, and

(c) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI DAYANIDHI MARAN)

(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT TO BE LAID ON THE TABLE OF THE LOK SABHA IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 151 FOR 3RD AUGUST, 2005 REGARDING COMPLAINTS AGAINST FUNCTIONING OF TRAI.

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The representations relate to consultation paper issued by TRAI on the Access Deficit Charge (ADC). It was also suggested in the representations that the ADC might be abolished. Some of the representations also alleged that TRAI is bent upon imposing the proposed burden in the form of ADC and benefiting the BSNL. Action against TRAI was also urged for prescribing ADC on per minute basis instead of Revenue Sharing.

(c) The amount of Access Deficit Charge had been prescribed by TRAI after due consultation process of seeking comments of various stake-holders, holding open house sessions and addressing various issues including eligibility of various service providers to receive such subsidies. It is not out of context to mention that the Government has also received representations in favour of continuance for Access Deficit Charge for providing affordable services.